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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITE PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2644**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Youichi YAMADA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2644

Application No.: 09/359,416

Examiner: Justin I. MICHALSKI

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For: AUDIO SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS

**RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R § 1.116**

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April 20, 2006

Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Final Office Action dated January 20, 2006, please amend the application as shown on the following pages:

Amendments to the **Claims** begin on page 2.

The **Remarks** begin on page 5.